



American Citizen Services Unit
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo
Warden Message



TO: American Citizens and Consular Wardens

FROM: ACS Unit

DATE: June 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Hurricane Season Travel Alert

The U.S. Embassy is transmitting the following Warden Message to inform U.S. citizens that the Department of State has issued a seasonal Travel Alert on hurricane season. The Travel Alert and the Embassy's May 24 warden message contain important safety information for U.S. citizens traveling to the Dominican Republic. The full text of the Travel Alert can be read www.tsg.gov.

U.S. citizens are reminded that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recommends that those in hurricane-prone regions begin preparations for the upcoming season now. Visit NOAA's National Hurricane Center website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/> for more information.

In the aftermath of some previous storms, U.S. citizens traveling abroad have encountered uncomfortable and often dangerous conditions that have lasted for several days while awaiting transportation back to the United States. Should a situation require an evacuation from an overseas location, the State Department will work with commercial airlines to ensure that U.S. citizens are repatriated as safely and efficiently as possible. Commercial airlines are the Department's primary source of transportation in an evacuation; other means of transport are utilized only as a last resort. The Department of State will not provide no-cost transportation, but does have the

authority to provide repatriation loans to those in financial need. U.S. citizens should obtain travel insurance to cover unexpected expenses during an emergency.

In the event of a storm, U.S. citizens should monitor local radio, the National Weather Service at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>, and local media to stay aware of any weather developments in their area. For official information from the Dominican Government regarding weather conditions, please visit the ONAMET website at <http://www.onamet.gov.do>. The Dominican Emergency Operations Center (COE) website can be found at www.coe.gov.do. Other helpful sources of information are available at the U.S. Citizens Services page of the U.S. Embassy website at <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/hurricane.html>

While the U.S. Embassy will make every effort to assist Americans in a crisis, local authorities are primarily responsible for the welfare of people in their jurisdictions. U.S. citizens should monitor local radio, the Embassy website, and other media to stay aware of weather developments in their area. In the event of a hurricane alert, the U.S. Embassy will post a notice on its web page at <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov>.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to register with the appropriate U.S. Embassy or Consulate on the State Department's travel registration website at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-221-2171; after hours ask to speak to the duty officer; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail acssantodom@state.gov; web page www.usemb.gov.do.